

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

(IN REVISED FORMAT COMPLIANT WITH THE PROPOSED

REVISION TO 37 CFR 1.121)

Please cancel claims 2 and 6-11 without prejudice.

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of preparing data for transmission, the method comprising:

transmitting a first signal requesting to transmit data;

generating a ~~first portion of a~~ first packet from data of  
5 a first source prior to receiving a second signal granting the permission to transmit data;

transmitting a third signal requesting a change of data source from the first source to a second source subsequent to said generating of said first ~~portion~~ packet, wherein said transmitting  
10 the third signal occurs if the data of the first source is incomplete; and

generating a second data packet from data of the second source.

2. (CANCEL)

3. (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 1, wherein said transmitting the third signal occurs if a time stamp included in

the data of the first source is later than the time of receiving the second signal.

4. (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

discarding the first portion of the first data packet.

5. (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 1, wherein said transmitting of the third signal occurs after said receiving of said second signal.

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12. (RE-PRESENTED - FORMERLY DEPENDENT CLAIM 3) A  
method of preparing data for transmission, the method comprising:  
transmitting a first signal requesting to transmit data;  
generating a first packet from data of a first source  
prior to receiving a second signal granting the permission to  
transmit data;

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transmitting a third signal requesting a change of data  
source from the first source to a second source subsequent to said  
generating of said first packet, wherein said transmitting the  
third signal occurs if a time stamp included in the data of the  
first source is later than the time of receiving the second signal;  
and

generating a second data packet from data of the second  
source.

13. (NEW) An apparatus for preparing data for  
transmission, comprising:

means for transmitting a first signal requesting to  
transmit data;

5 means for generating a first portion of a first packet  
from data of a first source prior to receiving a second signal  
granting the permission to transmit data;

means for transmitting a third signal requesting a change  
of data source from the first source to a second source subsequent  
10 to said generating of said first packet, wherein said transmitting  
the third signal occurs if the data of the first source is  
incomplete; and

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d means for generating a second data packet from data of  
the second source.

14. (NEW) The method of Claim 1, wherein a link  
controller generates said second packet when the second signal is  
active.

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